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SUBJECT: VISIT TO US OF NORDIC METALWORKERS STUDY GROUP:
REQUEST FOR INTERPRETERS

1. IN LETTER TO AMBASSADOR DATED SEPTEMBER 11TH, JAN HODANN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF NORDIC METALWORKERS FEDERATION, HAS INFORMED EMBASSY THAT STUDY GROUP OF 26 NORDIC METALWORKERS (FROM SWEDEN, NORWAY, DENMARK AND FINLAND) WILL VISIT US FROM NOVEMBER 2-19 AT INVITATION OF UAW, IAM AND STEELWORKERS. MAIN OBJECTS OF STUDY WILL BE TRADE UNION POLICY IN US, INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS AS WELL AS GENERAL US DOMESTIC POLICY. ITINERARY INCLUDES VISITS TO WASHINGTON, NEW YORK CITY, PITTSBURG, DETROIT, BLACK LAKE, HOUSTON AND SAN FRANCISCO. TOTAL COST OF TRIP IS BEING BORNE BY PARTICIPATING NORDIC UNIONS.

2. ON BASIS OF SUGGESTION BY IAM REPRESENTATIVE BEN SHARMAN, LETTER ASKS WHETHER US DEPARTMENT OF LABOR CAN PROVIDE URGENTLY NEEDED FINNISH-ENGLISH INTERPRETER
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TO ACCOMPANY GROUP AND, IF POSSIBLE, ANOTHER INTERPRETER

COMPETENT IN SWEDISH, NORWEGIAN OR DANISH. HODANN
CONCLUDES LETTER WITH COMMENT THAT SUCCESS OF MISSION
WILL DEPEND TO LARGE EXTENT ON AVAILABILITY OF INTERPRETER().

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY STRONGLY SUPPORTS THIS REQUEST
AND HOPES ASSISTANCE CAN BE PROVIDED, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE,
FOR THIS SIGNIFICANT MOVE TOWARDS CLOSER RELATIONSHIP
BETWEEN POWERFUL GROUP OF UNIONS IN US AND NORDIC AREA.
THIS GESTURE AT RELATIVELY MODEST EXPENSE WILL CERTAINLY
RESULT IN BENEFICIAL UNION FALLOUT FOR US EMBASSIES IN NORDIC
CAPITALS TO SAY NOTHING OF APPRECIATION US WILL GARNER
FROM US UNIONS INVOLVED.

4. IN ABSENCE HODANN, LABOR ATTACHE DISCUSSED VISIT
WITH JAN OLSSON, INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY OF SWEDISH
METALWORKERS, TO FIND OUT IF GROUP IS SCHEDULED CALL
AT AFL-CIO HEADQUARTERS WHILE IN WASHINGTON. OLSSON
WAS NOT SURE AND SAID HE WOULD TAKE UP THIS POINT
WITH HODANN. LABOR ATTACHE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT SUCH
CALL WOULD BE HIGHLY APPROPRIATE.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE SOONEST WHETHER
REQUEST CAN BE MET.
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